GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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FOODGRAINS FOR TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a scheme in Nashik, Maharashtra on experimental basis to provide foodgrains to the tribal at their doorstep under the Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof and success achieved therein alongwith the steps proposed to be taken to plug the loopholes noticed in the scheme;

(c) whether there is any proposal to extend the said scheme to other areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir. No new scheme has been launched under Targeted Public Distribution System. On an experimental basis in Nashik and Nandurbar districts, State Government of Maharashtra has started distribution of foodgrains by a new method.

(b): Under this method, with their prior consent the beneficiaries under the TPDS are distributed their quota of foodgrains for 3/6/12 months at one time during meetings of Gram Sabhas in villages.

(c) & (d): The present arrangement for distribution of foodgrains by the new method is only on an experimental basis, its detailed results are yet to be received. So there is yet no proposal to extend it to other areas.